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- FIRST REGIONAL MEETING -

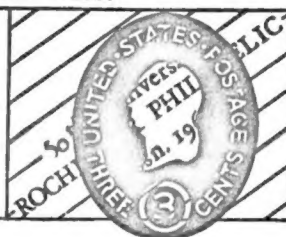
The First Regional Meeting of the American Metered Postage Society was held in the Hunt Room of the Manger Hotel in the heart of downtown Rochester, New York on Saturday forenoon, April 27th, 1963. The meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday evening, April 25th, but was adjourned until the new time to provide for a larger attendance. And so the meeting was called to order at ten-thirty in the forenoon with a message of welcome by your President, which was followed with a detailed account of metered postage as used in the United States during the past sixty years and also facts of interest concerning various makes of postage meters. Much interest was shown in the proceedings, and copies of the society bulletin were distributed. Those entering the Hunt Room were required to register their names. Drawing of number for attendance prize took place near close of the meeting, the prize being a set of metered covers mailed during the Rochester meeting and exhibition. The drawing of number was made by Vilma J. Gallagher (AMPS-517) Macedon, New York, and the number drawn was three which belonged to Joseph V. Pal of Rochester, New York who was also in attendance and said he would probably join the society later. This meeting was held in conjunction with the Golden Anniversary Exhibition of the Rochester Philatelic Association which took place in the Midtown Plaza during April 26th to 28th. Souvenir metered postage covers were made available during each

of the four days, although the largest mailing took place on the first day. A total mailing of the covers was as follows: April 25th = 240; April 26th = 35 April 27th = 35; and April 28th = 85; thus not too many on any one day. There were very few extra covers metered for the last three days, but some of first day are still available. The covers were of very good quality and had attractive cachet printed in red on left side. An omni-rate Postalia postage meter, number 600556, was provided through the courtesy of the local distributor for the area, William E. Blair (AMPS-1036) Rochester, New York. This was the only meter available which showed the full name POSTALIA in the indicia, as others all showed the initials T-N only. It was necessary for your President to have permit in order to use the postage meter and so permit number 1728 was issued at the main post office on April 25th. An electric machine was also furnished which worked very nicely, but because the indicia did not print as clearly as desired, the electric machine was exchanged for manual operated one which did very nicely with proper attention to the inking of the roller. Because of the shortness of time when Joseph H. Burleigh (AMPS-603) Rochester, New York told your President in letter about arrangements for use of the Postalia meter, it was too late to order a special slogan. Thus the society slogan which was on hand for use at society headquarters was used for the souvenir covers. It was not known until about one week before the meeting what make of postage meter, Commercial Controls, Postalia, or Pitney-Bowes, might be available for use in Rochester. There was a certificate of award from the American Metered Postage Society for the best exhibit in meters with no restrictions. And so the award was won by your President who had the only such material in the exhibition. A great deal of interest was shown in this exhibit. This exhibition was held in the new Midtown Plaza and it proved to be much better than if held in a hotel or auditorium. There were large crowds of people at all hours of the day, and in fact the largest ever seen at any exhibition other than the great Fipex of 1956 which was held in New York City. The awards were given out at banquet in the Manger Hotel on Saturday evening and special award went to your President who exhibited historic meter material of the United States and foreign. There was a total of 740 frames in the exhibition, and the last two, #739 and #740, were of metered postage. The chairman of the exhibition was Gordon C. Morison (AMPS-569) Rochester, New York who certainly did an excellent job. There were the small size 3¢ and 4¢ government stamped envelopes which had an attractive Mailer's Postmark indicia imprinted in black to commemorate this Golden Anniversary Exhibition. The United States and the United Nations both had special postal stations at the exhibition where the various issues of postage stamps, etc, could be purchased. However, only the former could postmark and despatch mail matter. First day covers and cards were available at regular cost at the latter. It appeared that both did a great deal of business. A surprise at the banquet was the awarding of special trophy to Georg Lefebvre (AMPS-1038) Rochester, New York for his outstanding work on behalf of the local society. Very pleasing to mention that through this society meeting and exhibition in Rochester, New York there have been six new admissions to membership and also one renewal of a former member. Leaving from home on Wednesday morning, the route was by way of Chicago, Detroit, and across Canada to Rochester, where arrival was on Thursday morning. Leaving from Rochester on Sunday evening return trip was by way of Cleveland to Dayton where visit was made to the NCR factory and met C. Clifford Brust (AMPS-224) Dayton, Ohio who let your President see some of his department. Will mention now that the first two National Cash Register postage meters are still in service, meters #1001 and #1002, and are used for outgoing parcel post from the factory. The indicia has been changed but these postage meters are the same as when placed in use during January 1931. A stop was made at the home of Prince H. Gwaltney (AMPS-462) Anderson, Indiana where the night was spent. Was surprised to learn during this visit that the Friden firm had finally placed one of its postage meters in use, as Prince received an imprint on cover in an accumulation from Dayton. Another member obtained a copy on cover which he also received in an accumulation and submitted a large drawing of same. This member being Richard J. W. Patterson (AMPS-1016) Newton Massachusetts, whose copy was dated April 3rd while the first was dated March

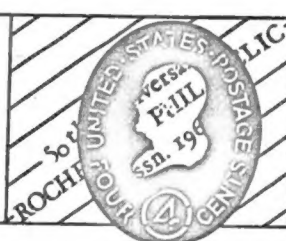
27th. This first Friden postage meter is believed to be machine placed in use on experimental trial at the factory. Previously a visit was made at the home of Prince on May 30th, 1961 with son Charles enroute home from the automobile 500 mile race at Indianapolis at which time the night was spent visiting. The journey then led to Chicago where visit was made to the NCR branch in efforts to locate a postage meter for use in Rockford later this month. Had covered a total distance of 2086 miles with the Ford six on trip to the society meeting and the exhibition. There are still some of the meter covers of April 25th in stock at 25¢ each plus return postage if any of the members wish them. Orders should be sent to society headquarters soon for these.



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Illustrated herewith are the Mailer's Postmark indicia as imprinted on the 3¢ and 4¢ government stamped envelopes to commemorate the Golden Anniversary Exhibition of the Rochester Philatelic Association as held April 26 to 28, 1963

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IN COMMEMORATION OF
TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR



Shown herewith is imprint of indicia from omni-rate Postalia postage meter as used for mailing souvenir covers from First Regional Meeting and Golden Anniversary Exhibition in Rochester, New York from April 25th to April 28th, 1963